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I'VE JUST CREATED A MONSTER... MYSELF!
...AND I'M AS UNBEATABLE AS YOU ARE!
SUPERGIRL BECOMES HER OWN WORST ENEMY IN...
"THE BORROWED BRAIN!"
ZATANNA BECOMES A LIVING SWORD, THRUST FOREVER IN
THE ENCHANTED ROCK!

SUPERGIRL HAS SAVED THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS THOUSANDS DURING HER SPECTACULAR SUPER-CAREER! LIKE A TRUE CHAMPION, SHE NEVER WORRIES ABOUT HER SAFETY WHEN IT COMES TO THE WELL-BEING OF OTHERS! BUT NEVER-NEVER - HAS SHE TAKEN SUCH DRASTIC MEASURES - WITH SUCH ALARMING RESULTS - TO SAVE -
THE BORROWED BRAIN!
ADMIT IT, SUPERGIRL!
NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHO I AM - THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN FIGHT ME!
-GULP- IT'S TRUE! HOW CAN I BATTLE HIM--
WHEN HE'S PART OF ME!
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FRIDAY NIGHT-- AS CO-ED LINDA DANYERS AND HER TWO ROOMMATES FROLIC AT A SWIM PARTY OFF THE CAMPUS OF VANDYRE U...
SABRA! TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE GORGEOUS GUYS FLOATING AROUND HERE!
I AM LOOKING, TERRY! YOU AND LINDA ROAM ON YOUR OWN! THIS FRIENDLY LITTLE ISRAELI'S GOING TO MIX!
HI, THERE! THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE A CUP OF PUNCH!
THANKS... I AM A LITTLE THIRSTY!
ALREADY?! LOOKS LIKE LINDA JUST MET HER COMPANION FOR THE EVENING WITHOUT EVEN TRYING!
AMID THE NICE NIGHT AND EASY TALK, A FAST FRIENDSHIP DEVELOPS...
...SO I CAME TO VANDYRE FOR MY POST-GRAD WORK IN CRIMINAL SOCIOLOGY... AND AM ENJOYING EVERY MINUTE OF IT, LINDA!
THINK I'LL BE ENJOYING IT MORE, TOO... NOW THAT I'VE MET YOU, DAVID!
UNEXPECTEDLY...
RRRUMMBBLLL
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE GROUND HAS THE SHAKES!
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HOLD ONTO ME, LINDA! IT'S JUST A MINOR QUAKE!
THERE'S NOTHING MINOR ABOUT IT!
MY TELESCOPIC VISION REVEALS A MAJOR FLARE-UP OF THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT— 10 MILES FROM HERE!
MUST GET AWAY--!
LINDA?!
HAVE TO MAKE SURE MY ROOMMATES ARE OKAY, DAVID! BE BACK IN A JIFFY!
UNSEEN--QUIET, SAY LINDA DISCARDS HER MOD OUTFIT TO REVEAL A FLASHY RED-AND-BLUE UNIFORM...
TERRY AND SABRA CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES ... BUT THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE WILL BE HELPLESS VICTIMS OF THAT TREMOR--
UNLESS I DO SOMETHING TO STOP IT!
FOR SHE IS SECRETLY THE SENSATIONAL SUPERGIRL--THE MOST FABULOUS FEMALE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH...
MEANWHILE, ALSO UNSEEN...
YOU'RE LATE!
SORRY, BOSS! THEM QUAKES THREW OFF OUR TIMIN'!
BUT WE'RE HERE FOR THE NEXT JOB! GOT IT LINED UP?
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YEAH! HERE'S THE BLUEPRINT FOR YOUR NEXT ROBBERY... THE FLOOR-PLAN, VAULT-TYPE, POSITIONS OF GUARDS... BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM— EVERYTHING YOU'LL NEED TO KNOW!
FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS AND WE CAN'T LOSE!

YOUR PLANS AINT NEVER FAILED, BOSS!
WHAT A COVER YOU GOT— A COLLEGE GRADUATE! HA, HA!

AT THAT MOMENT, OVER A TUMULTUOUS UPHEAVAL OF RAW EARTH AND SHATTERED ROCK...
WHEW! THAT GIRDER CONSTRUCTION WAS TWISTED APART LIKE LOOSE TAFFY!
THE FISSURE FIRST OPENED UP IN THIS AREA ...CAN'T LET IT SPREAD APART ANY FURTHER!

SO THAT'S WHAT STARTED ALL THE TROUBLE --
A FANTASTICALLY HOT METEOR THAT BURROWED ITS WAY DEEP INTO THE EARTH!
SSSSSSS~
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IT'S GENERATING SO MUCH HEAT... IT'S FORCING THE BEDROCK TO EXPAND AND SPLIT WIDE OPEN!
LIKE COMING UP AGAINST A CHUNK OF THE SUN!
SUMMONING UP HER AWESOME MIGHT, THE GIRL OF STEEL EXHALES A DEVASTATING BLAST OF SUPER-FRIGID BREATH...
I'LL COUNTERACT TERRIFIC HEAT WITH ABSOLUTE, FAR-BELOW-ZERO COLD--
PUTTING THE SPACE-ROCK UNDER TREMENDOUS STRESS AND STRAIN--
WHROOOOSH-
CRACK!
--UNTIL IT'S SO BRITTLE IT SHATTERS INTO A MILLION PIECES!
LESS THAN A HEARTBEAT LATER...
THE QUAKES ARE SUBSIDING...NOW THAT I'VE WIPED OUT THE JUMBO-SIZED CINDER SIZZLING BENEATH THE SURFACE!
TIME FOR ME TO HUSTLE BACK TO THE SWIM PARTY ...AND DAVID!
MEANTIME, BACK AT POOLSIDE...
WISH LINDA WOULD GET BACK HERE! HAVING SOMEONE LIKE HER FOR A GIRL FRIEND WILL BE GREAT FOR MY COVER!
BEING ENROLLED AT VANDYRE AS A FULL-TIME STUDENT MAKES ME ONE OF 20,000 VANDYRIANS WORKING FOR A DEGREE!
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WHILE MY GANG EXECUTES THE CRIMES I LAY OUT FOR THEM ... I ESTABLISH AN ALIBI FOR MYSELF HERE ON CAMPUS! A PERFECT SYSTEM!
HEY! THE QUAKING HAS STOPPED!
THE SULTRY VOICE OF SUPERGIRL'S BEAUTIFUL ROOMMATE ATTRACTS EVERYONE, AS...
...SO LET'S USE THE POOL AGAIN! THIS SISTER'S GOING TO DIVE IN AND COOL OFF!
WHAT'S THAT I SEE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL?
THE TREMORS MUST'VE TORN LOOSE A LARGE CHUNK OF THE POOL BOTTOM! IT'S JUTTING UP LIKE AN UNDERWATER BATTERING RAM--
AND THAT GIRL DOESN'T SEE IT!
HERE'S WHERE I MAKE A DRAMATIC LIFE-SAVING RESCUE IN FRONT OF EVERYONE!
JUST ANOTHER STUNT TO BOLSTER MY ALL-AMERICAN "GOOD-GUY" COVER-IMAGE!
BUT AS DAVID INTERCEPTS TERRY IN THE SPARKLING CHLORINATED WATERS...
OOOFF! STOPPED HER--
BUT THE IMPACT IS SHOVING ME BACK--
THUD-
UHHHH...
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A FRENZIED MOMENT LATER...
H-HE SAVED MY LIFE ;GLUB: BUT HE'S HURT--
HELP!
AFTER PULLING TERRY AND HER INJURED RESCUER OUT OF THE WATER...
IT'S HIS HEAD!
LOOKS REAL BAD!
HERE'S SUPERGIRL!
DAVID!
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT! IF I HADN'T LEFT HIS SIDE... I COULD'VE PREVENTED THIS!
BETTER GET HIM TO A DOCTOR FAST, SUPERGIRL!
AGONIZING HOURS LATER... AS THE FIRST GLINTS OF DAWN FILTER OVER THE VANDYRE CLINIC...
THE INJURY WAS MORE MASSIVE THAN WE THOUGHT, SUPERGIRL!
I'M AFRAID THE LAD'S BRAIN-DAMAGE IS BEYOND REPAIR-- AND BEYOND HOPE!
VANDYRE CLINIC
NO! I CAN'T ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN!
IT'S OUT OF OUR HANDS! NO POWER ON EARTH CAN MAKE THAT POOR KID WALK OUT OF HERE ALIVE!
HE'LL WASTE AWAY A MINDLESS VEGETABLE!
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BUT IN THE FACE OF TOTAL DESPAIR, THE MAID OF MIGHT VOWS WITH GRIM RESOLVE...
IF NO POWER ON EARTH CAN SAVE DAVID...
I KNOW A POWER FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE THAT MIGHT RESTORE HIS HEALTH!
ELSEWHERE, IN THE CONFINES OF A DINGY BOARDING HOUSE...
...AND VANDYRE STUDENT DAVID GRAHM STILL LIES IN A COMA THIS MORNING IN GRAVE CONDITION AFTER A SWIMMING MISHAP LAST NIGHT!
TOO BAD ABOUT THE BOSS...HE'S IN NO SHAPE TO COLLECT HIS SHARE OF LAST NIGHT'S HAUL!
LUCKY FOR US HE LEFT US WITH THREE MORE CRIME-BLUEPRINTS WE AIN'T USED YET!
NOW WE CAN COMMIT A FEW MORE ROBBERIES... IN HIS MEMORY! HA, HA!
THOUSANDS OF MILES TO THE NORTH, A RED-AND-BLUE BLUR STREAKS TOWARD THE FABULOUS FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE HIDDEN IN THE ARCTIC...
MY COUSIN SUPERMAN AND I ARE VERY SECRETIVE WHEN IT COMES TO KANDOR! WE ONLY SEEK THE KANDORIANS' HELP IN TIMES OF EXTREME CRISIS--
I'VE GOT TO CONTACT KANDOR'S EMINENT SCIENTIST!
KANDOR--THE ONLY SURVIVING CITY OF SUPERGIRL'S DESTROYED HOME PLANET, KRYPTON...A CITY AND ITS PEOPLE MINIATURIZED, SHRUNK TO MICROSCOPIC SIZE INSIDE A GLASS BOTTLE!
SOON, WITHIN THE ROCKY CONFINES OF THE FORTRESS...
...I'VE DESCRIBED THE INJURY, PROF. NAR-KOR! DO YOU THINK YOUR ADVANCED KANDORIAN SURGERY CAN SAVE THE PATIENT?
THE LAD HAS A CHANCE-- IF YOU CAN CORRECTLY PERFORM THE CRUCIAL BRAIN-CELL TRANSPLANT!
BOTTLE CITY OF KANDOR
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I'LL BEAM UP THE PROPER QUASI-ENERGY INSTRUMENTS... AND A VISI-TAPE OF ME DICTATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OPERATION!
BUT ONE MISTAKE COULD BE FATAL TO YOUR PATIENT -- OR YOU, SUPERGIRL!
READY TO GO THROUGH WITH IT?
YES!
MOMENTS LATER, AN ARRAY OF STRANGE GLOWING IMPLEMENTS IS PROJECTED OUT OF THE BOTTLE CITY...
TOO BAD THE MICRO-WAVE TUNNEL ISN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH TO ENLARGE A KANDORIAN TO NORMAL SIZE... THEN I COULD PERFORM THE TRANSPLANT MYSELF!
THE SURGICAL TOOLS ARE COMING THROUGH, NAR-KOR!
PULSATING TOOLS OF PURE ENERGY, WHICH NO EARTH DOCTOR COULD EVER HANDLE! DESPITE MY INVULNERABILITY— THEY'RE EVEN PAINFUL FOR ME TO TOUCH THEM!
SOON, THE VANDYRE CLINIC BECOMES A SITE FOR MIND-STAGGERING MEDICAL HISTORY...
DO YOU SEE THAT WEIRD BEAM ENTERING HER OWN SKULL!
SHE MAY BE A SUPERGIRL... BUT I ONLY PRAY SHE KNOWS THE TERRIFIC RISK SHE'S TAKING WITH HER OWN LIFE!
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THE MAID OF MIGHT REMAINS A MONUMENT OF PURE CONCENTRATION -- HEARING ONLY THE GUIDING VOICE OF KANDORIAN SURGEON NAR-KOR...
...YOUR AIM MUST BE ABSOLUTELY PERFECT! DON'T LET YOUR HAND WAVER EVEN A MICRO-INCH!
I-I'M TRYING... BUT THIS CELL-EXTRACTOR IS STABBING MY HEAD WITH PAIN!

ANOTHER AGONIZING MOMENT, AND...
EXCELLENT, SUPERGIRL! YOU'VE COMPLETED STEP ONE -- SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFERRING THOUSANDS OF YOUR SUPER-BRAIN-CELLS INTO THE EXTRACTOR!
-WHEW--

AS YOU KNOW, THE HUMAN BRAIN -- EVEN YOURS -- ONLY USES A SMALL FRACTION OF ITS "GREY MATTER"! THAT'S WHY YOU COULD AFFORD TO SPARE SOME OF YOURS!
BUT WHEN MY SUPER-CELLS ARE TRANSPLANTED INTO DAVID... WILL THEY REJUVENATE HIS DAMAGED BRAIN CELLS?

YES, SUPERGIRL! HIS CHANCES FOR A COMPLETE RECOVERY ARE EXCELLENT!
I HOPE THE YOUNG MAN WILL REALIZE HOW LUCKY HE IS TO HAVE SUPERGIRL FOR A DONOR!

AND AS THE GIRL OF STEEL GALLANTLY CONTINUES THE PROCEDURE -- STILL ENDURING ACUTE PAIN FROM THE QUASI-ENERGY...
:CHOKE: DAVID MUST GET WELL! HE MUST!
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF IF I CAN'T RESTORE HIS HEALTH... IF DAVID DOESN'T RECOVER AND COME OUT EXACTLY AS HE WAS BEFORE THE ACCIDENT!

AFTER THE GRUELING TEST OF SUPERGIRL'S SKILL AND STAMINA IS OVER...
WHEW! FINISHED! WILL HE MAKE IT, NAR-KOR?
WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM?
S-SUPERGIRL?! W-WHERE AM I? LAST THING I REMEMBER IS DIVING INTO A POOL...?
?!? HE'S UP AND AROUND ALREADY! PROOF POSITIVE OF THE MIRACLES OF KANDORIAN MEDICINE!
THANK THE STAR OF KRYPTON-HE'S ALL RIGHT!
YOU'D BETTER TAKE IT EASY FOR AWHILE!
ER... LINDA DANVERS WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR YOU'RE ON YOUR FEET AGAIN! 'BYE NOW!
THANKS, SUPERGIRL! I-I FEEL FINE!
AND DIFFERENT!
THE NEXT DAY, AS THE REUNITED DAVID AND LINDA STROLL ACROSS CAMPUS...
...AND THAT NIGHT IN THE POOL, WHEN I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER... MY LAST THOUGHTS WERE OF YOU, LINDA!
OH, DAVID... I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! YOU KNOW HOW DEEP MY FEELINGS ARE FOR YOU!
SHE'S FALLING FOR THIS SAPPY LOVE-ROUTINE, ALL THE WAY! ESTABLISHING A FULL-TIME GIRLFRIEND WILL HELP MY COVER HERE AS A LEGIT STUDENT!
ESPECIALLY SINCE I'M ABOUT TO START A NEW CRIME-CAREER!
READER—DO YOU DARE GUESS WHAT HAS MADE DAVID EVEN MORE CUNNING THAN BEFORE?
AT THAT MOMENT, IN A SMALL TOWN NEAR VANDYRE U....
JUST FILL OUR SACKS WITH CASH --AND NOBODY GETS HURT!
AND THAT INCLUDES YOUR EXTRA FUNDS!
MIDVILLE BANK
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BUT... HOW DID YOU KNOW WE WERE HOLDING A FEDERAL RESERVE SHIPMENT OF TWO MILLION TODAY?
LET'S JUST SAY WE LUCKED-OUT!
HA! THE COLLEGE-PUNK'S LAST CRIME-BLUEPRINTS WERE AS ACCURATE AS EVER!

MEANWHILE...
WHAT IS IT, DAVID? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT YOUR WATCH?
JUST REMEMBERED-- I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DEAN I MUSTN'T MISS!

I'LL HAVE TO HUSTLE! CALL YOU UP TONIGHT!
OKAY, I'LL BE WAITING!
BUT FOR NOW, SINCE DAVID'S LEAVING ME TO MYSELF--

A MOMENT LATER...
--I MIGHT AS WELL KEEP BUSY AND PERFORM MY DAILY PATROL AS SUPERGIRL!
THESE CRATES PROVIDE THE COVER I NEED TO SWITCH GARB!

BUT IF THE GIRL OF STEEL COULD SEE HER HEART-THROB JUST NOW...
THIS UNIFORM I DESIGNED MYSELF IS OUTA SIGHT!
THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO MEET ITS MOST DANGEROUS CROOK-- SUPER-SCAVENGER!
A CROOK SUPERGIRL HERSELF SPAWNED!

HER SUPER-CELLS NOT ONLY REPAIRED MY BRAIN-DAMAGE... THEY FORTIFIED MY ENTIRE BODY!

AS HER CELLS SPREAD AND MULTIPLIED THEY BESTOWED ME WITH SUPER-POWERS! NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW!
AND THIS LEAD MASK WILL KEEP MY IDENTITY A SECRET--EVEN FROM SUPERGIRL'S X-RAY VISION!

SCANT SECONDS LATER, OUTSIDE THE MIDVILLE BANK...
KEEP AWAY FROM ME--OR I'LL BLAST YOU!
MIDVILLE BANK
BLAM BLAM

YOU FOOL! WITH MY HEAT-VISION I CAN MELT YOUR BULLETS LIKE GUMDROPS!
SPUTTER

AND A SUPER-TOSS WILL SEND THAT PUNY WEAPON OF YOURS HIGH INTO THE STRATOSPHERE!
WHIIIP-
HELP! GIVE ME A BREAK!

MY PLEASURE--RIGHT ON TOP OF YOUR EMPTY HEAD!
ZAPP-
UHHH...

BUT A WEAPON SOARING INTO THE STRATOSPHERE DOESN'T GO UNNOTICED...
?!? A RIFLE--HURTLING SPACE-WARD AT ESCAPE-VELOCITY!
ONLY SUPERMAN AND MYSELF WOULD HAVE THE STRENGTH FOR SUCH A TOSS!
WHROOOSH—
I'M HERE... COUSIN SUPERMAN'S IN METROPOLIS...SO SOMEBODY ELSE HAS TO BE RECKONED WITH!
I'LL TRACE THE RIFLE'S TRAJECTORY DOWN TO ITS SOURCE!
I WONDER... AM I MEETING A FRIEND... OR FOE?
MEANWHILE...
YOU TWO LEAVING SO SOON? THE FUN'S JUST STARTING--!
IT AIN'T SUPERGIRL... IT AIN'T SUPERMAN...
SO WHO IN THE BLAZES IS HE?
THOSE GOONS WOULD FLIP OUT IF THEY KNEW THEIR FORMER PARTNER WAS DOING THEM IN!
YIEEEE! HELLLLPP!
AFTER ALL, WHO NEEDS THEM NOW THAT I'M SUPER-POWERED? I'M NOT GOING TO SHARE MY LOOT WITH THESE TWO-BIT THIEVES!
L-LET ME DOWN! PLEASE!
VROOOOOSH-
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NEXT MOMENT...
THANKS FOR STOPPING THOSE THUGS—WHOEVER YOU ARE! YOU'LL GET A SUBSTANTIAL REWARD!
YOU BET I WILL—FRIEND--
--NAMELY, ALL THE LOOT!
SUPER-SCAVENGER'S THE NAME!
KRAASHH
HE'S A CROOK, TOO!
AT THIS RATE I'LL BE A MULTI-BILLIONAIRE IN JUST A FEW DAYS--WITHOUT TAKING ANY RISKS!
I'LL LET OTHER CROOKS DO THE ROBBING FOR ME--
THEN I MOVE IN AND SWIPE THEIR LOOT WITH MY SUPER-POWERS! 1-2-3!
BUT THEN, WITHOUT WARNING...
I'M AFRAID YOU'VE OVERDRAWN YOUR ACCOUNT, SKY-BOY! I'M PULLING YOU IN!
SUPERGIRL!
GUESS AGAIN, BEAUTIFUL! THIS TIME YOU'RE UP AGAINST A GUY WHO'S IN YOUR LEAGUE!
KRAKK-
OOOFF!
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AS THE MAID OF MIGHT REELS BACKWARD, MOMENTARILY STUNNED...
:WHEW: WAS THAT A SUPER-KICK IN THE FACE!
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT HE HAS SUPER-POWERS!
IF NOT FOR HIS LEAD MASK—I COULD FIND OUT WHO HE IS—?
GREAT KRYPTON!
THAT WRISTWATCH--IT'S DAVID'S!
:GULP: I'M FIGHTING MY DAVID!!
SUMMONING ALL HER WILL, SUPERGIRL STRIKES BACK AT THE BOY SHE LOVED...
:CHOKE: IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW...
I SHOULD'VE FORSEEN THIS SIDE-EFFECT MYSELF!
WHOOOOSSSHH
OOFFF!
KEEP AWAY FROM ME!
SPLAAAK
MY TRANSPLANTED SUPER-CELLS HAVE OVERWHELMED DAVID'S BODY AND MADE HIM AS POWERFUL AS ME!
SO LONG, SUPER HAS-BEEN!
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DAVID!—DAVID! YOUR SUPER-POWERS ARE ONLY TEMPORARY!
S-SOMETHING'S WRONG!! ALL OF A SUDDEN--I CAN'T FLY ANYMORE!
HELP ME, SUPERGIRL!
AS THE HELPLESS BOY PLUMMETS TOWARD THE GROUND— EACH SPLIT-SECOND THAT MUCH CLOSER TO INSTANT DEATH...
I FAILED TO SAVE HIM ONCE--AND HE ALMOST DIED!
I SAVED HIM—AND HE TURNED BAD!
NOW—WHAT?
WHEW! YOU CUT THAT KIND OF CLOSE, SUPERGIRL! BUT I KNEW YOU COULDN'T LET ANY HARM COME TO ME--!
--AFTER ALL, I'M PART OF YOU! MY SUPER-POWERS MAY BE GONE, BUT SOME OF YOUR CELLS ARE STILL INSIDE ME!
TAKE ME TO SAFETY-- AND YOU AND I COULD HAVE A BEAUTIFUL FUTURE TOGETHER!
BUT AS THE SUPER-SWIFT FLIGHT COMES TO AN END...
YOU'RE TURNING ME IN?? YOU MUST HAVE A HEART OF ICE!
JUST LIKE YOURS, DAVID! I GUESS WE'RE TWO OF A KIND!
:CHOKE: CAN'T LET HIM SEE MY TEARS--!
PRECINCT
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AND THE NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT...
SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN US, LINDA?
A LOT OF GROOVY GUYS ARE IN THERE, JUST WAITING TO BE MET!
GO-GO DISCO
I'LL PASS THIS TIME! I'M NOT READY TO MEET SOMEONE ELSE--
NOT JUST YET--!
END

Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on SUPERGIRL #1. It would have to be rated high on my all-time list of favorite comic-books. In "The Trail of the Madman," Supergirl uses her powers just enough without overdoing it (or not using them enough). Unfortunately, I think I found a mistake. On page 5, Wanda runs out of the School of Drama and Linda is standing there. But on page 11, when Wanda recalls that same scene, Linda is NOT there. Anyway, I like the way you handled the story; very exciting with LOTS of action. And the art was excellent. Great art, Art and Vince! Great story, Cary! And I liked the ZATANNA story . . . Please keep her in SUPERGIRL magazine. Keep up the good work, and I will be your fan forever!

—Gregory Bennett
Onancock, Va.

*Dear Gregory:*

*Your comments on SUPERGIRL #1 match mostly all the other letters. Everyone's happy to see the Maid of Might in her own book at last, and everyone also likes the way her adventures are being handled!*

*As for the "goof" you spotted, how can you possibly blame us because Wanda's thoughts aren't perfectly detailed?*

*—A.A.*

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Dear Editor:

AT LAST Supergirl has her own magazine! I'm glad you had her quit her job and return to school; I think it'll be more interesting having Linda become an actress, although I WAS hoping that maybe she'd get a job on the Daily Planet working with her cousin. But why don't you mention Mr. & Mrs. Danvers anymore?

Incidentally, my boyfriend (who's a SUPERGIRL fan) is always kidding me because my name is also Linda, and my last initial is "D!"

—Linda Deneroff
Bronx; New York City

*Dear Linda:*

*We also think Linda's change to a drama student is a good thing. The Danvers have not been forgotten; though Linda is starting a new phase of her life, she will never forget the people who made her their daughter, any more than she will forget her true parents, Zor-El and Alura.*

*—A.A.*

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Dear Editor:

Supergirl #1 was just great! I can't wait to find out more about her roommates at Vandyre University. The ZATANNA story was great. I hope you keep her around for a long time. Why not have a story where she and Supergirl team up? And I can't resist asking . . . who is the mysterious Wanda Five? Where does she come from?

—Billy Menzies
Hollywood, California

*Dear Billy:*

*Now that SUPERGIRL and ZATANNA are sharing a book together, there's no reason why they can't team up sometime in the future. As for telling you about the Mysterious Wanda Five . . . If we told you about her, she wouldn't be mysterious any more, right?*

*—A.A.*

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Dear Editor:

Well, you told us we'd get a change, and we sure did! But isn't the plot somewhat reminiscent of an old Nancy Drew plot? And doesn't Wanda remind some of the older readers of Lena Thorul Colby? I like the idea of Supergirl becoming an actress, because at least THAT'S original. For Heaven's sake, change Linda's hair!

—Kari Smartt
Cupertino, California

*Dear Kari:*

*I don't see the connection between SUPERGIRL and Nancy Drew. Why, there wasn't even one hidden staircase in the entire story! Wanda has E.S.P. in common with Lena, but it would be telling to say any more. The reason why we didn't change Linda's hairdo to any extreme, is because we feel there have been alterations in SUPERGIRL'S life-style, costume, plus her move into her own book. Finding herself with a new hairdo overnight might give her a super-nervous breakdown . . . You wouldn't want that to happen, would you?*

*—A.A.*

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Dear Editor:

I quit reading comic-books about a year ago. However, when SUPERGIRL #1 came out, I had to buy it if only to see what was going on. I'm glad I did! If you're going to keep Wanda around, please refer to her abilities as "psi" instead of "E.S.P." "E.S.P."as a term is not very accurate, as far as parapsychology goes. On the whole, Wanda looks promising, though.

Zatanna is rapidly getting to the point that a lot of the all-powerful heroes are or were in. She is limited only by the normals she associates with, and not at all by herself.

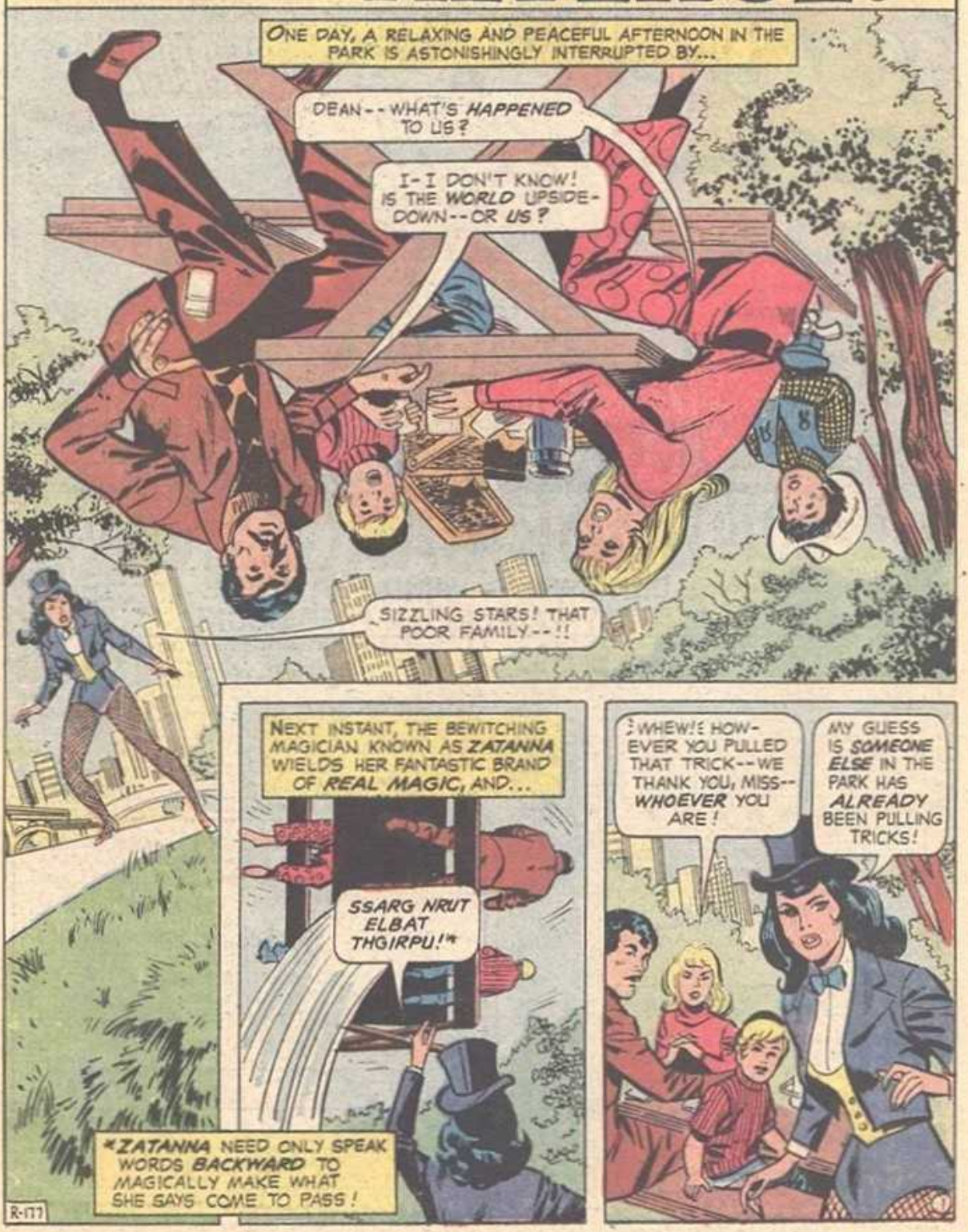
—Diane Hardison
Jacksonville, Fla.

*Dear Diane:*

*Yes, ZATANNA is a pretty (in more ways than one) powerful character! As for Wanda's abilities, I think that E.S.P. is more widely known than Psi (if only because of T.V. and film useage of the term).*

*—A.A.*

# ZATANNA THE MAGICIAN in "THE ROCK OF REVENGE!"


ONE DAY, A RELAXING AND PEACEFUL AFTERNOON IN THE PARK IS ASTONISHINGLY INTERRUPTED BY...
DEAN--WHAT'S HAPPENED TO US?
I-I DON'T KNOW! IS THE WORLD UPSIDE-DOWN--OR US?
SIZZLING STARS! THAT POOR FAMILY--!!
NEXT INSTANT, THE BEWITCHING MAGICIAN KNOWN AS ZATANNA WIELDS HER FANTASTIC BRAND OF REAL MAGIC, AND...
SSARG NRUT ELBAT THGIRPU!*
*ZATANNA NEED ONLY SPEAK WORDS BACKWARD TO MAGICALLY MAKE WHAT SHE SAYS COME TO PASS!
WHEW!! HOWEVER YOU PULLED THAT TRICK--WE THANK YOU, MISS--WHOEVER YOU ARE!
MY GUESS IS SOMEONE ELSE IN THE PARK HAS ALREADY BEEN PULLING TRICKS!

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CAUTIOUSLY, THE SAUCY SORCERESS EXPLORES THE PARK--UNAWARE OF THE NARROWED EYES WATCHING HER...
A MOMENT LATER...
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D SAY THAT WAS KING ARTHUR'S ENCHANTED SWORD, EXCALIBUR!
BUT IT CAN'T BE--CAN IT?
ZATANNA! - I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WAS HER!
THAT MEDDLING MAGICIAN SPOILED MY LITTLE PRANK... BUT I'LL GET EVEN...
FASCINATED, ZATANNA RECALLS THE FAMOUS STORY--HOW EVERY KNIGHT THROUGHOUT ANCIENT ENGLAND TRIED REMOVING THE HANDSOME SWORD...
BUT NO ONE COULD BUDGE EXCALIBUR, SAVE THE YOUNG FUTURE KING IT WAS DESTINED FOR--ARTHUR!
I KNOW IT'S FAR-FETCHED... BUT MY CURIOSITY HAS THE BETTER OF ME! I MUST FIND OUT IF THIS IS INDEED ARTHUR'S ENCHANTED SWORD!
WITHOUT WARNING, THE SPLIT-INSTANT ZATANNA'S HAND TOUCHES THE GLEAMING HANDLE...
WH--WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME?!
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THE NEXT MOMENT...
IMPOSSIBLE! THE SWORD HAS DISAPPEARED-- AND NOW I'M STUCK IN THE STONE INSTEAD!
CAN'T BUDGE--!

YOU'LL NEVER BUDGE - YOU TROUBLE-MAKING WENCH!
MERBA THE SORCERER! YOU WERE BANNED FROM THIS CITY AFTER YOUR LAST PERFORMANCE ENDANGERED AN AUDIENCE!
RUBBISH! I WAS SIMPLY PRACTICING A FEW HARMLESS STUNTS IN THE PARK WHEN YOU CAME ALONG AND RUINED EVERYTHING!

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW--I'M A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE MOST FAMOUS SORCERER OF ALL--MERLIN!
I SPIRITED THIS BEWITCHED ROCK FROM KING ARTHUR'S COURT MANY CENTURIES AGO, WHERE MERLIN PRACTICED!

THE SWORD YOU SAW WAS MERELY AN ILLUSION TO LURE YOU IN!
AND BELIEVE ME, YOU'RE "IN" FOREVER! NOT EVEN YOUR MAGIC CAN COUNTERACT A SPELL OF MERLIN'S!

FAREWELL, ZATANNA! THAT ROCK IS NOW YOUR "LIVING TOMB-STONE"!
MAYBE ONE OF MY DESCENDANTS WILL CHECK UP ON YOU IN A FEW CENTURIES!
YOU'LL ANSWER FOR THIS, MERBA! THAT'S A PROMISE!
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THE SOUND OF MOCKING LAUGHTER IS CARRIED AWAY ON THE WIND, LEAVING THE ENTRAPPED ZATANNA ALONE WITH HER GRIM FATE ...
I'M CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS SITTING DOWN...OR SHOULD I SAY STANDING UP?
DUOLC, DNEL EM A DNAH!

NO GO! THE CLOUD-WRAITH I CREATED DRIFTED APART AS SOON AS IT TOUCHED ME!
HAVE TO TRY ANOTHER TACTIC!

DISMAYED BUT UNDAUNTED, THE FEMALE WIZARD WHIPS UP ONE SPELL AFTER ANOTHER ...
ONUORG HTAENREDNU EM RAEPPASID!

BUT NONE OF HER INCANTATIONS CAN CRACK THE SORCERY BASED ON MERLIN'S MAGIC ...
SLLIRD DNA SREMMAH--TEG EM TUO!
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FINALLY, AFTER EXHAUSTING ALMOST ALL HER MAGICAL RESOURCES...
NOTHING SEEMS TO WORK! MERBA'S CURSED TRICK HAS MADE ME A "LIVING SWORD"--STUCK IN THIS STONE AS FIRMLY AS EXCALIBUR ONCE WAS!
IF ONLY KING ARTHUR WERE STILL AROUND--!

WAIT A MINUTE! THAT'S THE ANSWER!
EVEN THOUGH ARTHUR LIVED AND DIED AGES AGO...HE MIGHT STILL BE MY ONE TICKET OUT OF HERE!
READER--MATCH WITS WITH ZATANNA AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE'S PLANNING!

A MOMENT LATER, THE PRINCESS OF MAGIC SENDS FORTH A PHANTOM LOOK-ALIKE...
ETACILPUD ANNATAZ, ESIR HTROF!
I'M PROJECTING MY ASTRAL SPIRIT-FORM OUT OF MY BODY, SO IT CAN SEARCH THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP ME!

MYSTICALLY SCANNING MILLIONS OF FACES, THOUSANDS OF LOCALES--THE ASTRAL ZATANNA SWEEPS OVER THE GLOBE IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...
...SEEKING, ALWAYS SEEKING, CONDUCTING THE MOST FANTASTIC MANHUNT OF ALL TIME!

UNTIL FINALLY, THE PHANTOM COMES TO REST OVER A SMALL TOWN IN SOUTHEASTERN WALES!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU... HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR ARTHUR...

STARTLINGLY...
WHERE'S ARTHUR-?
H-HE JUST V-VANISHED!
IT CAN'T BE!
MEANWHILE, AFTER BEING SPIRITED ACROSS THE OCEAN TO A CERTAIN GRASSY PARK...
SHE DID IT! MY ASTRAL-SELF FOUND THE ONE PERSON ON EARTH WHO CAN SAVE ME--
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT AN INFANT!
AND, AMAZINGLY...
SOON AS I GOT THE BABY TO TUG AT MY HAIR--I KNEW HE COULD EASILY PULL ME OUT--
BECAUSE I ORDERED MY ASTRAL-SELF TO BRING BACK THE ONLY LIVING DESCENDANT OF KING ARTHUR! HE DEFIED THE ROCK JUST LIKE HIS ANCESTOR!
AS THE SAUCY SORCERESS MERGES WITH HER PHANTOM DOUBLE ...
I'VE GOT A SCORE TO SETTLE WITH THAT RENEGADE MAGICIAN, MERBA--
BUT FIRST, LITTLE ARTHUR GETS A FIRST CLASS TRIP BACK TO WALES!
SOON, ZATANNA JOINS THE INFANT'S FAMILY--AND HELPS CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY FIT FOR A KING...
...HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR ARTHUR--HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!
TAOLF NI DIM-RIA!
THE END.
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